



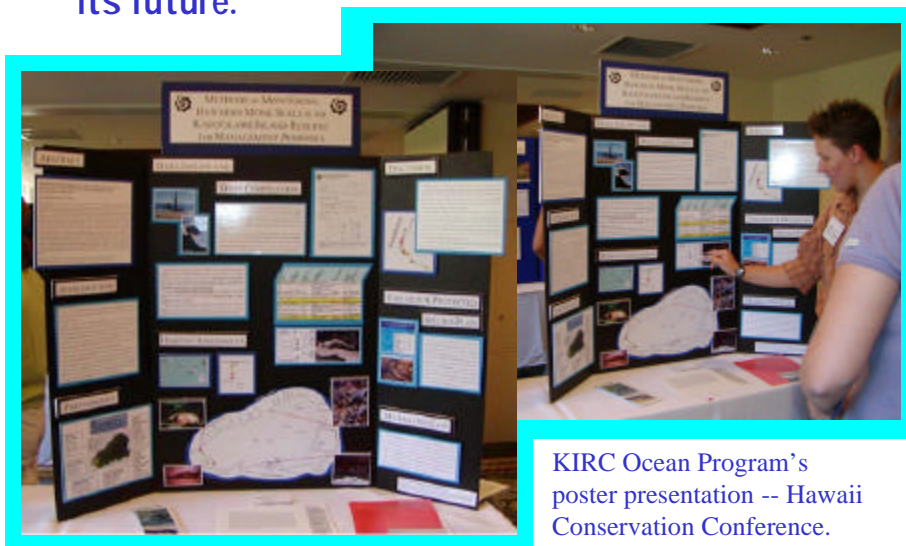
2. KIRC Ocean Program

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- Project Planning: The draft Scope of Services for the HURL survey is complete. R/V Ka'imikai-o-Kanaloa is in dry-dock but, weather permitting, surveys may begin before November. Navy approval for submersible dives has also begun. Bottomfish stocks and habitats will be surveyed along some of the south coast and reserve boundary.



- Community Out-reach: A poster presentation, "Methods of Monitoring Hawaiian Monk Seals (*Monachus Schauinslandi*) in the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve for Management Purposes" was presented at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference. Over 300 resources managers, conservation professionals, and students attended the conference. The monitoring work was well received and people were interested in the status of Kaho'olawe and its future.



KIRC Ocean Program's poster presentation -- Hawaii Conservation Conference.



After 8 months, a confirmed sighting of last year's pup.

- Monitoring: The protected species aerial survey on July 23 counted three seals along the northern coast including a confirmed sighting of the Kaho'olawe pup born May 2002. He is fat and healthy. Sightings and identification photos were added to the habitat mapping database. Monitoring methods were reviewed with biologists from NMFS.